

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 5501, Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6799–S6878*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3269–3277, and S. Res. 614. **Pages S6868–69**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2009”. (S. Rept. No. 110–423)

S. 3270, to reauthorize the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (S. Rept. No. 110–422)

H.R. 3248, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6868**

#### Measures Passed:

**Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration and by 80 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 182), Senate passed H.R. 5501, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, S. 2731, Senate companion measure, as amended. **Pages S6809–17, S6820–57**

Subsequently, S. 2731 was returned to the Senate calendar.

**Conquer Childhood Cancer Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1553, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to information regarding pediatric cancers and current treatments for such cancers, establish a na-

tional childhood cancer registry, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancer, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6857–58**

**Honoring Thurgood Marshall:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 381, honoring and recognizing the dedication and achievements of Thurgood Marshall on the 100th anniversary of his birth. **Pages S6877–78**

#### Measures Considered:

**Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2731, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, after taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S6809–17, S6820–57**

#### Adopted:

Dorgan Amendment No. 5084 (to Amendment No. 5076), to reallocate the distribution of funds from the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health. **Pages S6811–13, S6815**

Thune Amendment No. 5076, to provide for an emergency plan for Indian safety and health. **Pages S6809–11, S15**

Biden (for Gregg) Amendment No. 5085, to encourage the inclusion of cost sharing assurances and transition strategies among compacts and frameworks agreements, the activities authorized under section 104A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and the highest priorities of the Federal Government. **Page S6817**

Biden (for Vitter) Amendment No. 5086, to withhold 20 percent of the Federal funding appropriated for the Global Fund until the Secretary certifies that the Global Fund has provided the State Department with access to financial and other data. **Pages S6828–30**

Biden (for Sessions) Amendment No. 5087, to advise the public about the risks of contracting HIV from blood exposures, to investigate unexplained infections, and to promote universal precautions in health care settings. **Pages S6830–31**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 178), Cornyn Amendment No. 5083, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. **Pages S6813–16**

By 44 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 179), Gregg Amendment No. 5081, to strike the provision requiring the development of coordinated oversight plans and to establish an independent Inspector General at the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator. **Pages S6831–32**

By 28 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 180), Kyl Amendment No. 5082, to limit the period during which appropriations may be made to carry out this Act and to create a point of order in the Senate against appropriation to carry out this Act that exceeds the amount authorized for fiscal year 2013. **Page S6832**

By 31 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 181), DeMint Amendment No. 5077, to reduce to \$35,000,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria in developing countries during the next 5 years. **Page S6832**

#### **Appointments:**

**U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Section 154 of Public Law 108–199, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110 Congress: Senator Gregg. **Page S6878**

**Majority Leader—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2008, the Majority Leader be recognized to make a motion to proceed. **Page S6878**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–56) **Pages S6867–68**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement Between the United States and Poland on Social Secu-

rity, consisting of a principal agreement and an administrative agreement; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–57) **Page S6868**

#### **Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

**Pages S6799, S6868**

#### **Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages S6869–70**

#### **Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Pages S6870–76**

#### **Additional Statements:**

**Pages S6866–67**

#### **Amendments Submitted:**

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#### **Notices of Hearings/Meetings:**

**Pages S6876–77**

#### **Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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#### **Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—182) **Pages S6816, S6831–32, S6832, S6833, S6842**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6878.)

## **Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **APPROPRIATIONS: NIH**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Elias A. Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

### **IRAQ NEGOTIATIONS**

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the status of negotiations with Iraq on a strategic framework agreement and a status of forces agreement from Lieutenant General Douglas E. Lute, USA, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan, and Christopher C. Straub, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Middle Eastern Affairs, both of the Department of Defense; and Richard J. Schmierer, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Coordinator for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

### **LAND BILLS**

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 2354, to direct the Secretary